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ARAB AMENDMENT TO SUSPEND IOC MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND
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PRIVILEGES

1. USDEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY
NINE COUNTRIES (AFRICANS, ARABS, YUGOSLAVIA) WHICH IS
IMPLICITLY AIMED AT SOUTH AFRICA AND WOULD CHANGE THE IOC
STATUTES TO PERMIT THE SUSPENSION OF THE RIGHTS AND
PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE IOC BY VOTE OF THE UNESCO

GENERAL CONFERENCE. USDEL SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT AND COMPANY OF WESTERN AND OTHER FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN THIS POSITION.

2. USDEL SHOULD DRAW UPON FOLLOWING FOR EXPLANATION OF OUR VOTE AND, IF NECESSARY, FOR INTERVENTION IN DEBATE PRIOR TO VOTE ON AMENDMENT. "THE UNITED STATES OPPOSES THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE IT CONTRAVENES THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY AND IMPLIES THE APPLICATION OF POLITICAL CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE IOC THAT ARE EXTRANEEOUS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF IOC ACTIVITIES. THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES NOR DOES IT PROVIDE FOR SUCH SUSPENSION BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE. WE BELIEVE THESE ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS WHICH ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE QUESTION OF THE RACIAL POLICIES OF SOUTH AFRICA. WE WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR ABHORRENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF APARTHEID. HOWEVER, THE IOC IS NEITHER A COMPETENT NOR AN APPROPRIATE FORUM IN WHICH TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE."

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